

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee May 11, 2006

The Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, met Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in conference room Lower Level A of the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair Michael Overton. The following members were **present**: Tara Schnakenberg and Bill Kirkland for Sarah O'Shea, NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition; Kevin Duffy for Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney; David Wegner, Probation Administration; John Shelton and Scott McFall, Nebraska State Patrol; Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads; John Lehotyak, Douglas County Attorney; Sherri Haber, HHSS Office of Protection and Safety; Gregg Magee, Nebraska Sheriffs' Association; Michael Overton, NE Crime Commission; Ron Bowmaster, IDSP/NIDCAC; Sherri Stark for Bill Miller, Supreme Court; and Ron Riethmuller, Department of Corrections.

The following members were **absent**: Michael Thurber, Lancaster County Corrections; Byron Patterson, Police Officers' Association of NE; Ed Ragatz, Lincoln Police Department; Lash Chaffin, League of NE Municipalities; Scot Ford, PCAN; Rachel Marden, NE Parole Board; Joe Franco, Omaha Police Department; Terry Lane, DOT Comm; Elaine Menzel, NE Association of County Officials; Dennis Keefe, Lancaster County Public Defenders Office; Mary Tyner, NE Coalition for Victims of Crime; Marlene Vetick, Clerk of District Courts; Steve Schafer, DAS-IT Services Organization, for Brenda Decker, CIO; and Steve Worster, Commission on Public Advocacy.

Also present were: Mike Behm, Corey Cashmere, Michael Dunkle and Sarah Schoen of the Nebraska Crime Commission.

II. Introductions

The meeting began by going around the room and introducing ourselves to those present.

III. Approval of Minutes

It was brought to attention that in the November 10, 2005 meeting minutes under Project Updates/Justice, the name Bill Martin needed to be changed to Bill Miller. This change was made as requested.

Motion

A motion was made by Riethmuller and seconded by Bowmaster to approve the minutes of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee meeting of November 10, 2005 with the suggested name change made. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

IV. Project Updates

A. JUSTICE

Sherri Stark for Bill Miller of the Supreme Court stated that the Lancaster Juvenile Judges have been given access to NCJIS. They use it to look up Juvenile records.

B. Victim Notification/VINE

Overton reported that VINE is an automated victim notification system that is used through a company in Kentucky called Appriss. It provides email and phone notification, as well as the ability to provide free access so anybody, particularly victims of crime, can check to see the status of an offender in order to find out if they are incarcerated in any of the jails in Nebraska outside of Dodge County or within the Department of Corrections. This has been live for a number of years, and we are currently in the process of being in the third year of our contract with Appriss. The current contract runs through October 2006, and we are currently trying to develop another contract with them.

Overton stated a grant application was submitted to the Federal Government, through their SAVIN program, for VINE enhancements to improve services. Nothing has been heard as to whether or not this grant has been approved or denied. A second grant application was submitted to the Crime Commission through VOCA funds to try to obtain ongoing funding for VINE.

Throughout 2005, a 50% increase was seen in the use of VINE. It went from 120 registrations per month to 180 per month. At the beginning of 2006, this is now up to about 200 per month, which is a very significant increase recently. In the month of June, Ron Riethmuller and Corey Cashmere will be attending the VINE users meeting in Kentucky.

VINE is used to help integrate jail data to NCJIS. Data is now dumped 4 times a day.

Corey Cashmere reported that VINE conducted training in Lincoln and Omaha at police departments and sheriff's offices on May 20 and May 21, 2006. There was good attendance and it was a great opportunity to get good, quality information out to these agencies. VINE also attended the Omaha Public Safety Show where they handed out materials and discussed VINE with the public.

Cashmere reported that new VINE materials are currently being printed and will be provided once complete. VINE is also now available in a Spanish language video. It explains the VINE service in Spanish and is believed to be a great asset to the VINE system.

C. NCJIS

1. Douglas County District Court

Overton reported the Douglas County District Court is still in test mode. The data from the Douglas County District Court has been obtained and are now waiting for the court to provide the final yes. The court's staff has provided a review and is now waiting for the administration to say it is ok to go live with. This is the last component of court data NCJIS is missing in the state.

2. Omaha/Douglas County Incident Data (DVISS)

Overton reported that they are still working with Omaha/Douglas County Incident Data (DVISS) relative to an enhanced domestic violence information system. They are working on a layout to provide the incident level data to us in a NIBRS type format. NIBRS is the FBI current standard for statistical reporting. This has been expanded so name, addresses and other similar information of offenders are available. This has been incorporated into a number of different information systems. Douglas County is trying to write their incident level data out in this NIBRS type format to provide to us. Overton stated they do not think it will be fully compliant on the stat side, but it gives them a good shot at tacking that data on to NCJIS. They are currently waiting for this data to be sent to them.

- a. Gregg Magee asked if there have been issues reported on warrants issued from District Courts on JUSTICE in which law enforcement searches the system for these warrants and make an arrest based off this information, but the sheriff hasn't received the actual paper warrant yet from that Court.

Overton stated they try to put disclaimers on the system to avoid situations like this, but not everyone pays attention to this and things like this happen.

Sherri Stark stated it sounds like a timing factor because when a judge signs the warrant, it is then entered into the system as an active warrant. If the court doesn't get it to sheriff for a couple of hours this type of situation could happen. However, the officer's should be looking for that paper warrant before they make the arrest. It is important to note that a warrant is not active until the Judge has signed it.

Overton stated it is important to spread the word on this issue as much as possible. Stark stated she will talk to the court and try and get this straightened out. She also said she will send a letter to all courts regarding the importance of distributing the paper warrants in a timely manner.

- b. Overton mentioned they recently discovered that Corrections can issue warrants for absconders, people who abscond from parole. They have developed an interface with Corrections in order to grab this data and add it to the warrant system.

3. HHS – Allegation Data

Overton reported they have been working with Sherri Haber to get allegation data on the NCJIS system. The allegation data is basically the child abuse notifications that are currently sent to law enforcement when their hotline gets a report, and they review the report to see if needs to be forwarded to law enforcement for investigation.

- a. **NGA GJXDM Project**
The intent of this project was to make the data available initially directly down to the law enforcement records management system. This has taken on a different format in that this data is now being posed NCJIS. As an allegation is sent, the same data will be provided to NCJIS and will be searchable but is restricted somewhat to local county law enforcement agencies that may be directly affected. This is being tested and is scheduled to go live on July 10, 2006.

Additionally, they have developed a global GJXDM standard for the data coming out of HHS. This will be used to provide data to agencies who request this information.

4. NCJIS/NeLEIS

Overton reported this has been tested and should be part of the next upgrade push. Cross searches have been made available between NeLEIS and NCJIS so that a NeLEIS user could launch a search against both NeLEIS and NCJIS. This is a good application and ultimately lessens the workload.

5. DMV – OLN and VTR

Overton reported they are working on obtaining direct access to both the operator licenses and vehicle titling data. When they first went live, DMV provided them with their entire data file once a week. They are now working on incorporating a process where an index update is provided to us, and we will go out and retrieve the data from the mainframe. This gets rid of the one week data gap currently in place, and through this process, the information is updated as DMV receives it.

Corey Cashmere reported that they are working with LPD and the State Patrol on a project in which they are looking at being able to populate their handheld devices, which they use to write parking tickets, with vehicle information so they don't have to reenter this information out on the road or call dispatch for verification. They are working to develop a service they can call, which is located on the CJIS server, that will pass back 9-10 data elements concerning the vehicle information. This needs to be tested and piloted yet.

6. NPMIS Interfaces

- a. **SSI (Standardized Screening Instrument)**
This tool is used to screen offenders of drug activity and risk. This has been brought up on NCJIS as a tie to the Community Corrections Council, which is now used extensively by parole. Probation is also looking at incorporating this.
- b. **YLS**
YLS is a copyrighted youth screening tool. Because it is copyrighted, the financing for this tool could be an issue. This is a tool that both Probation and HHS are trying to bring up fairly soon. Ideally, it would be brought up within NCJIS, it would have to be licensed, and then hopefully some of our own applications can be applied. The intent is to allow the data to be shared in an easy format. They are working with Probation and HHS on these issues, and part of the desire is to limit the number of separate development

projects people have going on and share the data both at the operational level and the statistical level.

c. NCHIP (National Criminal History Improvement Project)

Money for NCHIP is currently available; however, it will die at the end of this fiscal year which is the end of June. Parole and Corrections have identified a project to basically be able to identify those people who do not have fingerprints on file. This allows there to be a better disposition in matching from the courts back down to PCH so those people who are not fingerprinted or who are using old fingerprints can be fingerprinted and a criminal history record can be created.

In talking to Probation and the State Patrol, there is a desire is to build an interface regarding this issue. There are really two options to consider. The first option is a direct interface with PCH and NPMIS. The second option is a more generic interface. Various options are currently be looked at or considered in order to determine how to proceed on this issue.

7. School Data

Overton reported the school data from the Omaha Public Schools are currently live and in test mode on the test site of NCJIS. For anybody attending school, there is contact information as far as parents' addresses, principles' names, school contact numbers, etc. If the juvenile has been in any trouble, one can access their grade data, attendance data, summaries of incidents they have been involved with and more. This is very useful data for the school systems and law enforcement. With the HIPPA law and other privacy laws out there, it is important to be very careful with how this interface is used and what it is used for. The intent is to have four school districts active with this interface. The school districts are: Omaha Public Schools, Westside, Ralston and Millard. Sarpy County and Norfolk have also both expressed interest in being involved with this. Again, the security of this information is of utmost importance so we have to be careful with what is done with the data provided.

8. NDEN (Nebraska Data Exchange Network) – Users, Data, Scope

NDEN provides a limited view of NCJIS. HHS and the Child Advocacy Centers were the initial primary users. This is up and running and the hope is to add additional types of agencies to utilize this network as well. HHS uses this data a great deal, and Sherri Haber suggested that everyone check and make sure you have access to this network because it is very useful.

9. Electronic Citation data is in test mode.

10. The Juvenile Assessment Center and the Drug Court in Omaha are both requesting access to NCJIS. There are many issues surrounding this and are not sure whether this is possible or not or if it is a good idea. It was suggested to be very careful dealing with this and make sure everything is checked into thoroughly before making any decisions regarding this issue.

11. Overton reported that the NGA Grant was due and deals with data sharing. Alabama, on behalf of Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming, is putting together a grant application in

order to implement a multi-state data sharing information system. We are currently waiting to see if this grant application is approved or denied.

12. Overton also reported there is an initiative out of Texas that deals with DUI paperwork reduction. The Texas Chiefs Association spearheaded an effort to develop software that runs online and allows everyone to standardize the issuance of DUI forms and the collection of data relative to DUI arrests. DMV is very interested in this and wonder if we would be interested in leading the effort. There are some drawbacks, but the hope is to be able to host the data locally here in Nebraska instead of having to go through the Texas mainframe. This fits in well with what we are already doing so it makes sense, and we only need to figure out the process. DMV wants to roll on this issue this summer if possible.

D. Local Applications: Sleuth, JAMIN, CMS, EasyStreet Draw

1. SLEUTH

- Cashmere reported there was a user's conference in conjunction with the CJIS conference held in Columbus, Nebraska. There were about 65-70 attendees at the SLEUTH conference, which went very well, representing 20-25 different agencies.
- Currently, the eCitation modules are in rollout. There are five agencies that have eCitation modules, and they are all in various stages of testing this out.
- In regards to the interface with JAMIN, the test files are still being evaluated. They are now 99% complete and just need to finish that one percent that is left in order to be able to rollout this interface. This will be tested in Madison County, and then moved out state wide. Currently, 12 local agencies have been contracted with, and an additional 23 will be contracted once these 12 are complete. There should be no cost to local facilities.
- There is one SLEUTH license left, and this license will be given to the Valentine Police Department within the next month or two.

2. CMS (Case Management System)

- Cashmere reported there was a user's conference in conjunction with the CJIS conference held in Columbus, Nebraska. There were about 25 attendees at the CMS conference, which went very well, representing 10 different agencies.
- CMS is developing a data import module which will handle the citation information coming from the CJIS server. This is a generic interface and module so that they will be able to plug in different types of data into this interface.
- The court interfaces have been developed, but there has been no recent headway made since the last meeting.
- Obtaining disposition information back from JUSTICE is still on the table.

- CMS was installed for Keith County on November 14th, and they are up and running.
- Buffalo County is currently moving forward with CMS.

3. JAMIN

- JAMIN training was held the week of April 17th. It was very well attended with over 100 persons attending from 33 different agencies across the state.
- The automated photo dump is complete. Within JAMIN, there are three to four agencies that have not kept up with the maintenance, and as a result, they were not privy to the update process. The system automatically sends the photos to us, although there are still some issues with this. We are working on these issues.
- Currently working to reSync the Jail Data and Photos with the NCJIS server.
- Currently working with Corrections to modifying the old photo interface document.

4. EZ Street (Electronic Accident Diagramming Software)

- Highway safety provided another 10,000 to keep the maintenance up on this, and CJIS coming up with a little bit of a match.
- Should anticipate new version update on this.
- Bob Grant is currently testing the online accident reporting with a few agencies. The intention is to expand to more agencies that expressed interest at CJIS conference. Should be about ready. Shake-up in information systems division is kind of holding things up right now. Once this is sorted out, things will get moving pretty quickly.

E. TraCS/eCitations

1. eCitations

- All equipment contracts are complete. Agencies have requested these funds, which are about \$1.1 million for equipment and software licensing. We are mainly looking at the larger agencies, and most of the money is coming out the Impaired Drivers Grant.
- The SLEUTH eCitation rollout has five agencies with the software, each of which is in various stages of testing. There are 26 mobile data terminals (MDT) that are there. Here is the listing: Madison County Sheriff's Office, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Fremont Police Department, Nebraska City Police Department and Platte County Sheriff's Office.
- In addition to this, we have an additional 19 agencies with about another 70 or so MDT's that will rollout hopefully by January 1st.

- There has been an additional request from another 25-30 agencies for funding, which consist mainly of smaller agencies.

2. TraCS

- La Vista Police Department is now running on six MDT's, which were installed on March 8th. A vendor came from Arkansas and provided the training and installation service.
- Currently looking at the South Sioux Police Department and the Kearney Police Department to get them installed with TraCS.
- The other agencies are waiting because they are in various stages of having all the required equipment installed and ready before the vendor comes in and installs the program.
- Sarpy County, Bellevue and Papillion have expressed interest for TraCS and are currently doing upgrades to their MDT's. We can possibly provide some assistance in completing this upgrade. They are going to wait and see how TraCS works out in La Vista before the make a final decision, but it looks very promising.
- The eCitation data on NCJIS is in the process where we collect the citation information, which is then passed out and stored in the agencies local system. It is then passed and stored to the NCJIS server and made available for the NCJIS community to view.
- Currently pulling data from the State Patrol interface and are able to obtain their paper ticket information via NCJIS.
- McFall stated the State Patrol carrier officers are now running mobile TraCS. They had to wait a very long time to get the mounts needed for the laptops. They received these and are installing them in the new cars. They now have four officers running electronic.
- Overton reported that they would like to develop a Mobile Data steering committee. This steering committee would work with the State Patrol and local agencies on rolling TraCS out, work on modifications and funding, and work on other mobile products as well.

Motion

A motion was made by McFall and seconded by Magee to establish a formal steering committee for mobile reporting. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

F. PCH, NCHIP, AFIS, Sexual Offender Registry, NeLEIS, Protection Order Registry

1. PCH

- John Shelton reported that the PCH migration is still moving forward. They are closing in on a go live date but are still finishing up some last minute issues. They are still waiting for the go live date to actually happen.

2. NCHIP

- Shelton reported they received the applications for NCHIP 12. They met with partner agencies and have submitted an application for NCHIP money. The amount requested is miniscule compared to what it has been in the past. This money was split up amongst partner agencies.

3. AFIS

- Shelton reported a vendor has been identified and are working through DAS to get the contract finalized in order to move forward with the AFIS upgrade. With that, the entire AFIS system is being replaced in the state of Nebraska instead of separating it out as have been done in the past. They are only able to afford to do this with the authorization through the Governor/Legislature to use Seizure funds to help make this purchase happen.
- They are replacing the core system, and they are also replacing the 14 live scans they had. They are adding to it some connectivity to include three troop area offices for the NSP based upon a DMV grant. DMV wanted to have the ability to increase the number of TSA fingerprint stations in the state. DMV came in on the backside of the AFIS RFP and have agreed to purchase three live scans. These extra live scans will be in Omaha, Grand Island and Scottsbluff in the troop headquarters.
- They have been approved by the agency to research adding options to that contract. The options include increasing the database archiving, mobile AFIS capability, server to handle connectivity, up to 20 mobile AFIS units to be placed in the field with officers on the street and the option for other agencies to purchase into that as well. Six more live scans will be added as well with two going to NSP headquarters and the other four going to the AFIS policy board.
- McFall pointed out they have gone past the protest stage, and nothing has been filed to their knowledge.
- Want to have something up and running by January 1st.

4. Sexual Offender Registry (SOR)

- McFall reported during the first quarter of 2006, they have added abilities and options to the level three sex offender web site. They have added sorting options, replaced the VINE server with an upgraded version, included RSF feeds for most wanted sex offenders and added links to mapping sites.

- Ongoing projects they are working on are: RSF Feed recently added, creating an in-house mapping system, adding statistical reports to track major recognition changes, implement changes to adapt legislative updates and improve data transactions with National sex offender sites.

5. NeLEIS

- McFall reported the search codes are in place, and there are some problems with the certificate at this time that they are still working on resolving.

6. Protection Order Registry

- Shelton reported that he checked with Lieutenant Dalke in Communications, and he has advised that protection orders are automatically being checked state wide through the message switch including Douglas County.

7. The missing persons website is up and running and can be accessed by anyone through the internet. Currently there are not a lot of photos uploaded as of yet. They are working to get this changed in the future. Plan to add this link to the NCJIS website.
8. Nebraska State Crime Stoppers, which is funded through the Crime Commission, have recently added the ability to submit tips via the web.
9. NICS legislation was passed last fall and was very important for NICS access because if this legislation was not in place, they would no longer allow Nebraska access to NICS. This was passed in January and went to a three day limit for background checks instead of two days for applicants on guns. Instead of applicable federal laws, they wanted it to be applicable NICS laws. This is currently up and running.
10. Background check fees will be increasing from \$10 to \$15, and June 1 is the proposed start date for this. They are currently working to get web access to complete these background checks via the web.

V. GJXDM/JEIM

A. GJXDM

- Cashmere reported they are finalizing the GJXDM and IEPD (Information Exchange Packet Documentation). This will be posted on the Crime Commission website and define the interface component and data mapping documents.
- Working on finalizing the various projects.

B. JEIM

- Cashmere reported they are working with KEO to get the HHS information inputted, which is moving along.

VI. Juvenile Data Sharing, Strategic Plan Update

- A. Overton reported they finished the juvenile data sharing strategic plan and presented this to the committee. Overton spoke with Steve to see how to move this forward and Brenda Decker, CIO, agreed to make the pitch to the Lieutenant Governor to see if it would be appropriate to use under NITC (Nebraska Information Technology Council).

VII. 2006 CJIS Technology Conference

- A.** The 2006 CJIS Technology Conferences was held at the New World Inn in Columbus, Nebraska on March 1-2, 2006.
- B.** Ron Riethmuller reported there was a final attendance of approximately 200 attendees. He stated they received many positive comments and everything appeared to run very smoothly. One suggestion made was that the location was perhaps not the best place for the conference, but overall, it went very well.
- C.** Overton stated the presentations from the conference are now posted on NCJIS.

VIII. 2007 CJIS Technology Conference

- A.** We are currently looking at different locations for the 2007 CJIS Technology Conference. The conference will more than likely be held in one of the following places: Kearney, Grand Island or North Platte.
- B.** We currently have several proposals from hotels and are looking for the best possible deal that will also be available for the most ideal dates for the conference.
- C.** We are still trying to plan this conference without a budget, so it is important to really look closely for the best deal, but also a nice location.

IX. CJIS Revival

- A.** It was discussed and thought to be a good idea to have a retreat in order to get members updated on things with CJIS. We would review the strategic plan and look at some of the issues that are being currently dealt with.
- B.** Will look at some dates and contact people to see what the best time would be for everyone. The hope is to have the retreat sometime in the fall. The committee will be kept posted on the status of this.

X. Next Tentative Meeting Date

- A.** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2006 at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lower Level A Conference room. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:30 am.

XI. Other Business

- A.** McFall reported they were approved for some funding to start looking at regional AFIS. They also included connectivity in the base price for this product. The new AFIS will have the ability to integrate with at least a dozen states.

Motion

A motion was made by Magee and seconded by McFall to appoint Mike Overton as Chair and Ron Riethmuller as Vice Chair for the committee for 2007. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

XII. Adjournment

- A.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant